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SUBJ: EXTRADITION - ROBERT L. VESCO: VESCO CHALLENGES WALL
STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SPOKESMAN FOR VESCO HAS CHALLENGED NOV 19
WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE CONCERNING ALLEGED ARGENTINE ESCAPE
ROUTE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ARTICLE APPEARING IN NASSAU GUARDIAN NOV 21, UNNAMED
VESCO SPOKESMAN ATTACKED WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE BY SAYING
THAT VESCO HAS DEFENDED HIMSELF IN COURT AND HAS NEVER SOUGHT
TO EVADE OR ELUDE EXTRADITION EFFORTS AGAINST HIM BY USG.
SPOKESMAN CLAIMED THAT VESCO KNEW ABOUT PRESENT EXTRADITION
REQUEST BEFORE IT WAS INITIATED AND "MR. VESCO CONTINUED TO
GO ABOUT HIS DAILY BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND HAD HE ANY DESIGN
FOR TAKING REFUGE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY AS WAS SUGGESTED BY THE
JOURNAL HE CERTAINLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO AT THAT
TIME."

2. SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO SAY "WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
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INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AGENTS OF THE USG IN FURTHERANCE OF A CALCULATED POLITICAL PERSECUTION AND HARASSMENT OF MR. VESCO THROUGH NONJUDICIAL PROCESS." SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS VESCO'S CONSISTENT PRACTICE TO CONFORM WITH ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN ANY COUNTRY IN WHICH HE HAS BUSINESS INTERESTS, AND THAT THE OBTAINING OF A RESIDENCE PERMIT IN ARGENTINA WAS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THERE. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE IS PROVISION IN ARGENTINE LAW WHICH ALLOWS AN INDIVIDUAL TO OBTAIN A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND THAT MR. VESCO AVAILED HIMSELF OF THIS LEGAL RESOURCE EARLIER THIS YEAR AND PRIOR TO HIS HAVING BEEN CHARGED WITH ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN THE US.

3. SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED THAT VESCO INITIATED HIS LEGAL MOVES CONCERNING DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND RESIDENCE BEFORE THE PERON GOVERNMENT CAME TO POWER IN ARGENTINA. SPOKESMAN CLAIMED, FINALLY, THAT AT NO TIME HAS MR. VESCO EVER MET INTERIOR MINISTER BENITO LLAMBLI.
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